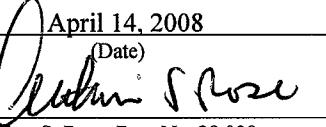


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App. No : 10/007,003  
Filed : November 9, 2001  
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**Amendment and Response to Office Action Dated October 12, 2007**

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 12, 2007, please consider the following:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Summary of Interview** begins on page 12 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this paper.